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The Secret Service recently released a batch of its records on this subject.

I would like to know if these have also been deposited in the Archives and if so how they can be identified.

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We are nowm more than a decade past the enacting of FOIA, more than two years past the effective date of the 1974 amending of the Act, yet the same practises continue, the same devices to evade the clear meaning are fashioned, and very largely the Congress enacted in vain.

I am quite serious in wanting to know if the Archives had any of the records just made available by the Secret Service and if it did on what basis the Archives has withheld each.

If you examine these records I am confident you will agree they were not subject to withholding. If you do not share my concern over the continaation of these practises I regret it.

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